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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Hitler's Tactics Of '37 Recalled

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While the Nation's Capital is paying homage to the beautiful Queen of our leading Western ally, the Western world is haunted by certain ominous similarities between Khrushchev's tactics in 1957 and Hitler's tactics in 1937. It was in 1937-8 that Hitler started taking over Austria and large chunks of Czechoslovakia purely by psychological warfare.

He did it by exhibiting the might of the Nazi army, by showing foreign diplomats motion pictures of Germany's military might, and by subversion inside Austria and Czechoslovakia. He didn't have to fire a single shot.

Today, 20 years later, awe of the Russian ICBM, amazement over Sputnik, plus savage warnings from the Kremlin are doing the same thing for Khrushchev.

In the past week the Arab world, much of it previously pro-West, has started swinging into the Soviet orbit. Here are the swings:

Swing No. 1—President Chamoun of Lebanon, hitherto staunch friend of the United States and no friend of Syria, now is backing Syria and wants to renounce the Eisenhower Doctrine. This reversal came about one week after Khrushchev launched his Sputnik and 48 hours after Khrushchev, growing viciously at Turkey, warned that Turkey would not stay alive more than 24 hours in case of war.

Lebanon leaders, listening to Khrushchev, know that if the Red Army once obliterated Turkey it would sweep on down into the Arab world. So they jumped to get on the right side of the fence.

Swing No. 2—Simultaneous with Lebanon's about-face, King Saud made a statement which just about tore up the Eisenhower Doctrine. Saud had been wined and dined by Mr. Eisenhower, receives his total income from American oil companies, has no reason to love Russia. Yet he lined up with Syria, a country which is becoming almost wholly

Swing No. 2—Col. Nasser has recently been making noises about a friendlier Egyptian policy toward the United States. But one week after the launching of Sputnik and 70 hours after Khrushchev unleashed his savage verbal blast against Turkey, Nasser landed troops in Syria to support Syria against Turkey.

All this fits into a pattern—a pattern all too similar to that which Hitler used to terrorize central Europe shortly before the start of World War II.

Cocky Khrushchev

Last month, Allen Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency whose job it is to know what's going on inside Russia, stated publicly that there was ferment inside Russia and that Khrushchev seemed to be in trouble. He expected another political

Other advice I picked up in Europe and the Near East bear this out. Khrushchev not only has the old Kremlin leaders against him, but the bureaucrats. Furthermore, his much-ballyhooped farm program isn't clicking. Reports of crop failures are stagger-

dictator of Khrushchev's temper, especially one who has 21 months before dismission is capable of doing dangerous things if he becomes overconfident, or if he is pushed to the wall. Russian scientific advances of late have made Khrushchev cocky. The political situation at home might make him a realist. I don't like to be a realist, but where the future of the free world is concerned, it's much better to be realistic than late.

Sipping in a Cellar

For Chief J. Edgar Hoover was sipping with Vice President Nixon and Gen. Nathan Twining, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the other day in the basement of the home of Webb, Washington representative of Texas oil millionaire Clint Murchison. Suddenly the voice of Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus came over the radio and poured into a scathing attack on Hoover.

voice assailed him as a "Gestapo chief."

Nixon and Twining were chuckling at Hoover's discomfort when the radio voice lit into Nixon, who had befriended the Negroes during the civil rights debate.

Twining was still grinning when he, too, came under attack. He was singled out as the Nation's top military man, technically in command of Federal troops in Little Rock.

Finally, the voice lashed out again at Hoover.

"I'll bet," the radio boomed, "that Hoover is getting drunk in some cellar right now."

The three dignitaries, who had been sipping cocktails in Webb's basement, looked startled. Then they caught on to the practical joke. The "broadcast" had been faked at Webb's instigation by Gordon McClendon, Texas radio executive, who did a perfect im-